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MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Wednesday, October 3, 2018 10:30 a.m. Room 327 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Barrett, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Barrett, Alexander, Lauwers, Howell, Albert, Calley, Frederick, Elder, Phelps, Sabo, Sneller, Cambensy.

ABSENT/EXCUSED: None.

Vice-Chair Alexander made a motion to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on September 26, 2018. No objections being offered, the minutes were accepted as presented.

Mike Wenkel, representing the Michigan Potato Industry Commission, invited all legislators to join them on the Michigan Capitol lawn for Potato Day at the Capitol.

The Chair laid HB 6122 before the committee.

HB 6122 (Barrett) Environmental protection; solid waste; soil from sugar beet production; increase allowable moisture level.

Chair Barrett offered the following amendment to HB 6122.

1. Amend page 3, line 17, after "than" by striking out "50%" and inserting "55%".

Representative Lauwers moved to amend HB 6122. The motion prevailed 10-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Barrett, Alexander, Lauwers, Albert, Calley, Frederick, Elder, Sabo, Sneller, Cambensy. (10/12)

Nays: None. (0/12)

Pass: None. (0/12) (10/0/0)

Representative Howell moved to report HB 6122 with recommendation, as amended, as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed 12-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Barrett, Alexander, Lauwers, Howell, Albert, Calley, Frederick, Elder, Phelps, Sabo, Sneller, Cambensy. (12/12)

Nays: None. (0/12)

Pass: None. (0/12) (12/0/0)

Matt Blakely, representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, submitted a card with a neutral position on the bill, noting concerns, but did not wish to speak.

The following people submitted cards in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Matt Breslin, representing the Michigan Food Processors Association.

Bob DeVries, representing the Michigan Agri-Business Association.

The Chair laid HB 6330, HB 6331, and HB 6380 before the committee.

HB 6330 (Lauwers)	Agriculture; industrial hemp; licensing and oversight program for industrial hemp; establish.
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HB 6331 (Johnson)	Controlled substances; marihuana; definitions of industrial hemp and marihuana; modify.
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HB 6380 (Lauwers)	Marihuana; facilities; industrial hemp; exclude from definition of marihuana plant and require the department to promulgate certain rules.
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James Ryan, representing the United States Hemp Roundtable, submitted a card in support of the bills, but did not wish to speak.

Matt Blakely, representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, submitted a card with a neutral position on the bills, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Lauwers explained the proposed substitute (H-2) to HB 6330.

Representative Lauwers moved to adopt substitute (H-2) to HB 6330. The motion prevailed 12-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Barrett, Alexander, Lauwers, Howell, Albert, Calley, Frederick, Elder, Phelps, Sabo, Sneller, Cambensy. (12/12)

Nays: None. (0/12)

Pass: None. (0/12) (12/0/0)

Representative Lauwers moved to report HB 6330 with recommendation, as substitute (H-2). The motion prevailed 11-0-1.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Barrett, Alexander, Lauwers, Howell, Calley, Frederick, Elder, Phelps, Sabo, Sneller, Cambensy. (11/12)

Nays: None. (0/12)

Pass: Representative Albert. (1/12) (11/0/1)

Substitute (H-1) to HB 6331 was previously adopted on September 26th, 2018.

Vice-Chair Alexander moved to report HB 6331 with recommendation, as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed 12-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Barrett, Alexander, Lauwers, Howell, Albert, Calley, Frederick, Elder, Phelps, Sabo, Sneller, Cambensy. (12/12)

Nays: None. (0/12)

Pass: None. (0/12) (12/0/0)

Representative Lauwers explained the proposed substitute (H-1) to HB 6380.

Representative Lauwers moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 6380. The motion prevailed 12-0-1.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Barrett, Alexander, Lauwers, Howell, Albert, Calley, Frederick, Elder, Phelps, Sabo, Sneller, Cambensy. (12/12)

Nays: None. (0/12)

Pass: None. (0/12) (12/0/0)

Representative Lauwers moved to report HB 6380 with recommendation, as substitute (H-1). The motion prevailed 11-0-1.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Barrett, Alexander, Lauwers, Howell, Calley, Frederick, Elder, Phelps, Sabo, Sneller, Cambensy. (11/12)

Nays: None. (0/12)

Pass: Representative Albert. (1/12) (11/0/1)

The Chair laid HB 6205, HB 6206, HB 6207, HB 6208, HB 6209, HB 6210, HB 6211, HB 6212, HB 6213, HB 6214, and HB 6216 before the committee.

HB 6205 (Lauwers) Animals; other; animal industry act; modify.

HB 6206 (Howell) Animals; other; definition of livestock and reference to animal industry act in wildlife depredation act; modify citations.

HB 6207 (Victory) Animals; other; definition of livestock in agricultural commodities marketing act; modify citations.

HB 6208	(Alexander)	Animals; other; reference to animal industry act in act governing the licensing of livestock dealers; modify citations.
HB 6209	(Vaupel)	Animals; other; definition of livestock in Michigan penal code; modify citations.
HB 6210	(Vaupel)	Criminal procedure; sentencing guidelines; sentencing guidelines for violations of animal industry act; modify citation.
HB 6211	(Wentworth)	Animals; other; definition of livestock in wolf-dog cross act; modify citations.
HB 6212	(Calley)	Animals; other; reference to animal industry act in act governing ferrets; modify citation.
HB 6213	(Barrett)	Animals; other; reference to animal industry act in general property tax act; modify citations.
HB 6214	(Frederick)	Animals; other; definition of livestock in large carnivore act; modify citations.
HB 6216	(Cole)	Animals; other; reference to animal industry act in Michigan aquaculture act; modify citation.

Representative Lauwers testified in support of the bills.

Matt Blakey, representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, testified in support of the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Bee Friedlander, representing Attorneys for Animals, testified with a neutral position on the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Lisa Reiff, representing the Michigan Association of Fairs, submitted a card in support of the bills, but did not wish to speak.

The following people submitted cards in support of HB 6205, but did not wish to speak:

Rebecca Park, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau.

Dan Vogler, representing the Michigan Aquaculture Association.

Alex Draper, representing himself as a deer farmer.

Gina Bozzer, representing the United Deer Farmers of Michigan.

Karlene Belyea, representing the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association.

The Chair laid HB 6393 and HB 6394 before the committee.

HB 6393	(Alexander)	Food; milk; grade A milk law; update.
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HB 6394 (Alexander) Food; milk; manufacturing milk law of 2001; amend to incorporate by reference 21 CFR part 117.

Representative Alexander and Matt Blakely, representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, testified in support of the bills. Questions and discussion followed.

Rebecca Park, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau, submitted a card in support of the bills, but did not wish to speak.

There being no additional business before the committee, Chair Barrett declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 10:58 a.m.

Representative Tom Barrett, Chair

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